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Yesterday, Israel, the occupying Power, committed yet another extrajudicial killing after launching its sixth missile attack in less than two weeks, targeting for assassination even more Palestinians in its relentless military campaign against the Palestinian people throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. Monday's attack, which was carried out by Israeli helicopter gunships, targeted a car travelling on a crowded street in Gaza City and killed one Palestinian man, Khathir Badawi Al-Husari, and wounded more than 30 other Palestinian civilians. This criminal act was preceded on Saturday by the extrajudicial killing of two other Palestinian men, Abdullah Ali Aqel and Farid Yussef Meit, also in Gaza. On that same day, the occupying forces also killed an eight-year-old Palestinian girl, Aya Mahmoud Fayyad, by tank fire in Khan Yunis. The killing of Palestinians continued today when Israeli occupying forces shot and killed a Palestinian man at a checkpoint near Jenin. Also today, an 11-year-old Palestinian girl died tragically of wounds sustained during an Israeli missile attack in Gaza City last week.

As the Palestinian casualties continue to mount as a result of such war crimes being committed by the occupying Power, Israeli officials continue adamantly to declare and reiterate their intentions to press on with the campaign of extrajudicial killings. Indeed, while the Israeli occupying forces persist in carrying out this brutal military campaign, using all means of excessive and indiscriminate force against the Palestinian people, the situation on the ground continues to devolve rapidly and dangerously. Such a deteriorating situation will clearly bring only more suffering to the Palestinian people under Israel's occupation, exacerbating the already deep humanitarian crisis and gravely diminishing any hopes and potential for peace efforts to succeed.

Urgent measures must be undertaken by the international community to bring an end to these Israeli crimes and violations of international law and international humanitarian law and to stem this downward spiral of developments in the Occupied

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Palestinian Territory. In this regard, the United Nations Security Council in particular, in upholding its duty to maintain international peace and security, should take action.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 171 letters to you regarding the crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 29 August 2003 (A/ES-10/233-S/2003/848), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my regret to inform you that, since my last letter, at least six Palestinians, including children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs to 2,522 Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified thus far are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

Annex to the identical letters dated 2 September 2003 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem*

Saturday, 30 August 2003 through Tuesday, 2 September 2003

Saturday, 30 August 2003

1. Abdullah Ali Aqel
2. Farid Yussef Meit
3. Aya Mahmoud Fayyad (8 years old)

Monday, 1 September 2003

1. Khathir Badawi Al-Husari
2. Sana Jamil Al-Da'our (11 years old)

Tuesday, 2 September 2003

Abdelqader Idhali

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 2,522.

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Israel, the occupying Power, has not for one day ceased its vicious and lethal military campaign against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. Among the countless violations of international law and international humanitarian law being committed by the occupying Power, the Israeli occupying forces continue fervently to carry out extrajudicial killings. On Saturday, 6 September, the occupying forces targeted for assassination the spiritual leader of Hamas, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, by dropping a 550-pound bomb from a warplane on a building in the densely populated area of Gaza City in which he was located. The bomb caused immense destruction to the building and wounded 15 Palestinians, including Sheikh Yassin, who survived the attack. This was followed by another attack, launched last night by Israeli helicopter gunships, near Khan Yunis, which wounded another 11 Palestinian civilians.

The attempted extrajudicial killing of Sheikh Yassin was followed by a declaration by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon that all Hamas leaders were "marked for death". Public announcements such as that and the continued pursuit by Israel of such an illegal, immoral and inhumane policy in complete disregard, contempt and violation of international law, including international humanitarian law, have reached a fever pitch. When public officials openly boast of committing such war crimes and illegal actions, the insanity of the situation becomes abundantly clear and the potential for a gravely dangerous decline of the situation in the coming period becomes extremely alarming. Muted condemnations of these actions on the part of the international community clearly do not help to inhibit such unprecedented bloodletting in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

In this regard, we must also call to your attention the continuous and repeated threats being made by several Israeli officials to expel or deport or even kill Palestinian President Yasser Arafat. Such threats clearly reveal the arrogance and disdain of the Israeli Government vis-à-vis the Palestinian leadership and the Palestinian people, when representatives of the Government speak as if the

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Palestinian people and the Palestinian territory are their property to do with as they please, ignoring international law prohibiting the occupying Power from carrying out deportations, let alone of an elected leader. Carrying out this threat or even the constant repetition of this threat will clearly convey to the Palestinian people Israel's evil intentions on all fronts and will terminate any peace efforts to end the conflict.

As the situation on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, continues to deteriorate dangerously, the international community must seriously examine its positions and actions vis-à-vis Israel, the occupying Power, that have permitted it to so flagrantly and constantly violate international law. Urgent measures must be taken by the international community, including in particular by the Security Council, to remedy this situation and to ensure that Israel complies with international law, international humanitarian law and the Charter of the United Nations. Indeed, the Palestinian people continue to look to the international community to uphold international law and to bring an end to the Israeli occupation of and onslaught against the Palestinian people, their leadership and their land.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 172 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 2 September 2003 (A/ES-10/234-S/2003/853), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my regret to inform you that, since my last letter, at least 5 Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs to 2,527 Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified thus far are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

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Names of the martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem*

Wednesday, 3 September 2003, through Monday, 8 September 2003

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Ali Hussein Abu Selim (died from wounds sustained on 28 August 2003)

Friday, 5 September 2003

Mohammed Abdelrahim Yousef Al-Hanabli

Saturday, 6 September 2003

Khaled Mahmoud Mustafa Maswoud (died from wounds sustained on 26 August 2003)

Sunday, 7 September 2003

Mohammed Abdallah Abu Al-Hosni (17 years old)

Monday, 8 September 2003

Ahmed Mufeed Halawah

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 2,527.

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Identical letters dated 10 September 2003 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

In yet another attempted extrajudicial execution, war planes of Israel, the occupying Power, today bombed the home of Mr. Mahmoud Al-Zahar, wounding him and killing two people, including his 26-year-old son, and wounding more than 20 other civilians, including his wife. The bombing completely also destroyed Mr. Al-Zahar's home, which was located in the densely populated Rimal neighborhood of Gaza City, and caused extensive damage to several adjacent homes as well. This attempted extrajudicial execution represents the eighth such attack committed by the Israeli occupying forces in the past three weeks alone. The continuation of this criminal and insane Israeli policy threatens to bring the situation to a catastrophic precipice.

In addition to today's bombing, the Israeli occupying forces yesterday, in the pre-dawn hours, raided the Palestinian city of Al-Khalil, laying siege to an apartment building, firing tank shells and killing three Palestinians and later demolishing the entire building. One of the Palestinians killed was a 13-year-old boy, Thaer Mansour Al-Siouri, who died after he was hit in the face by shrapnel from the tank fire. It has been reported that the occupying forces also used several Palestinian civilians as "human shields" during that same raid.

The deterioration of the situation on the ground was further hastened yesterday when, fulfilling their threats to respond to the continuous Israeli attacks, two suicide bombings were committed by Palestinian groups, the first near Tel Aviv and the second in West Jerusalem, killing several Israelis. Yesterday, the Palestinian leadership firmly condemned both of these bombings and reiterated its call for the complete cessation of such acts.

As the death toll continues to mount and the situation continues to perilously decline, it is imperative that measures be undertaken to bring this vicious cycle to an end. At the same time, in this regard, efforts to reach a peaceful settlement between the two sides must be urgently revived. The Palestinian-Israeli conflict is at a critical

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juncture that clearly requires immediate and serious action by the international community.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 172 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 3 September 2003 (A/ES-10/XXX-S/2003/XXX), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my regret to inform you that, since my last letter, at least six Palestinians, including one child, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs to 2,533 Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified thus far are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

Annex to the identical letters dated 10 September 2003 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem*

(Tuesday, 9 September 2003, to Wednesday, 10 September 2003)

Tuesday, 9 September 2003

1. Thaer Mansour Al-Siouri (13 years old)
2. Ahmed Othman Shafik Badir
3. Izzedine Khadir Misk
4. Ammar Abu Warda

Wednesday, 10 September 2003

1. Khaled Mahmoud Al-Zahar
2. Shihdeh Yousef Al-Deri

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 2,533.

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Letter dated 17 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

In my capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for the month of September 2003, on behalf of the States members of the League of Arab States, and pursuant to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution ES-10/11 of 5 August 2002, adopted at its resumed tenth emergency special session, I have the honour to request the resumption of the tenth emergency special session of the Assembly, in the light of the inability of the Security Council to fulfil its responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security due to the exercise by one of its permanent members of the veto.

(*Signed*) Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed **Erwa**
Permanent Representative of the Republic
of the Sudan to the United Nations
Chairman of the Arab Group

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Letter dated 17 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

In my capacity as Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, I have the honour to refer to the letter to you dated 17 September 2003 from Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa, Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations in his capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for the month of September 2003. I have the further honour to convey to you the support of the Non-Aligned Movement for the request of the Arab Group to resume the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly to consider agenda item 5, entitled "Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory".

(*Signed*) **Rastam** Mohd Isa
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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